

State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) reimbursement of state and local costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens is critically important to California and its counties, including the County of Los Angeles. Far more undocumented criminal aliens are incarcerated in State prisons and county jails in California than in the entire Federal prison system. The State of California and its counties together receive nearly 40 percent of total SCAAP funding.

In April, however, Congress reduced SCAAP appropriations to only \$273 million for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 -- the second consecutive year in which SCAAP funding was cut by more than 17 percent. Even worse, on July 7, 2011, the House Appropriations Commerce-Justice-Science (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee did not include any funding for SCAAP in its FFY 2012 CJS appropriations bill. If made available, FFY 2012 SCAAP funding would reimburse previously incurred costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal alien inmates during the 12-month period, which ended on June 30, 2011. Therefore, without SCAAP reimbursement, such costs do not disappear. Instead, the State and County unfairly would be forced to cut other essential services to pay for costs resulting from the federal government's failure to control illegal immigration.

- M O R E -

MOTION

MOLINA _____

RIDLEY-THOMAS _____

YAROSLAVSKY _____

KNABE _____

ANTONOVICH _____

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors reiterate its strong support for State Criminal Alien Assistance Program reimbursement of state and local costs of incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens, and direct County staff and the County's Washington, D.C. advocates to aggressively pursue increased SCAAP funding in collaboration with other State and local officials, associations, and California's Congressional delegation.

#